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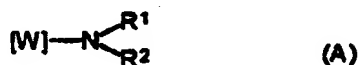
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(54) **Non-imidazole alkylamines as histamine H₃ - receptor ligands and their therapeutic applications**

(57) Compounds of formula (A):



wherein:

- W is a residue which imparts antagonistic and/or agonistic activity at histamine H₃-receptors when attached to an imidazole ring in 4(5) position.
- R¹ and R² may be identical or different and represent each independently
 - a lower alkyl or cycloalkyl, or taken together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached,
 - a saturated nitrogen-containing ring (I) as defined,

- a non-aromatic unsaturated nitrogen-containing ring (II) as defined,
- a morpholino group, or
- a N-substituted piperazino group as defined.

Compounds (A) are useful for preparing medicaments acting as antagonists and/or agonists at the H₃-receptors of histamine.

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The Search Division considers that the present European patent application does not comply with the requirements of unity of invention and relates to several inventions or groups of inventions, namely:

1. Claims: Claims 16-28,79

Compounds of the structural formula shown in which the NR1R2 group is linked to an aromatic ring via a thioalkyl or alkoxy group, and their use as histamine H3-receptor agonists or antagonists.

2. Claims: 37-38

Defined compounds of the formula IIa or IIb which can be heterocyclic or not but which share the common formula IIa or IIb, but have only an NR1R2 in common with the claims 16-28, which cannot be considered to be a special technical feature.

3. Claims: 39-45,68-69

Compounds with an NR1R2 group bound to a piperidine or pyrrolidine, which is N-substituted, but which share only an NR1R2 group in common with subjects 1 and 2, which cannot be considered to be an essential technical feature.

4. Claims: 47-50

Compounds of the general formula VI, which have aryl-heteroatom-containing linker- attached to a phenyl ring, bearing the NR1R2 group. The NR1R2 group is the only common feature with subjects 1-3.

5. Claims: 51-53

Compounds containing a 5-membered aromatic heterocycle, to which the NR1R2 is attached. Only the NR1R2 is common to subjects 1-4

6. Claims: 55-56

Compounds of the formula VIIa or VIIb, which have no structural relation to any of the subject matters 1-5, apart from the NR1R2 group.

7. Claims: 57-60

Compounds of the formula IX, which have a linear structure including the N(R)-S(O)2-grouping, but which have only the NR1R2 in common with the subjects 1-6



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8. Claims: 61-67

A compound of the formula XI or XII wherein the only common feature with subjects 1-7 is NR1R2, and which has a cyclic moiety R1x1 or R1x11

9. Claims: 70-72

Compounds with 4,5, or 6-membered N-containing ring, the only common feature with subjects 1-8 being the NR1R2 group.

10. Claim : 74

Compounds of formula XVII, characterised in the presence of an N-containing heterocycle, which is N-substituted by C=N-R4, and directly substituted by the NR1R2 group, the only common group with subjects 1-9

11. Claim : 75

Compound with a thiazole or benzthiazole ring, 2-substituted by the NR1R2-linker, with only the NR1R2 in common with the subjects 1-10

12. Claims: 81-83

Use of specifically named compounds, whose only common feature is a NR1R2 group, and which form no unifying common concept, as they have all such diverse structures

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